

ABSTRACT AMENDMENTS

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

A dehooking device with a slidable bite sleeve having a rod (1) with a pig-tail looped hook removal end (2), handle (3), and a movable bite sleeve (4). The rod (1) is preferably made of steel while the bite sleeve (4) is preferably made of plastic. ~~To use the device, while holding the bite sleeve (4) close to the handle (3), the user places the device on a fishing line leader at a 90 degree angle with the looped hook removal end (2) facing upwards. The user then pulls the handle (3) towards himself or herself while maintaining leader tension until the looped hook removal end (2) engages the fishing line leader. The user then turns the handle (3) 1/4 turn clockwise so the leader is in the center of the looped hook removal end (2). The user releases the bite sleeve (4) so it falls to the bottom of the rod (1) and inserts the looped hook removal end (2) into a mouth of an animal and inserts the bite sleeve (4) into the mouth of an animal. The user then slides the rod (1) further into the animal, following the leader. Giving a sharp jab downward on the handle (3), when the looped hook end (2) is resting on an ingested hook (7), the user pulls the rod (1) out of the animal until it stops at the bite sleeve (4). Finally, the user removes the entire device from the animal when the animal opens its mouth.~~ The method of use of the present invention will permit the removal of a hook from a fish (9), turtle, or other sea creature's mouth while being able to maintain the mouth in a somewhat open position. Furthermore, the use of this invention protects the mouth of the fish, turtle, or other sea creature by shielding the hook during the removal process.